

Waterfowl Hunting in Utah



16,000 Waterfowlers in the state of Utah

- State and federally managed waterfowl areas
- Great Salt Lake – walk-in access, ATV, Airboats
- Private Hunting Clubs

State and Federally Managed Waterfowl Areas

- _____ State Waterfowl Management Areas – Comprising _____ Acres of Wetlands
- _____ Federally Managed Waterfowl Areas Comprising _____ Acres of Wetlands
- _____ Private Hunting Clubs Comprising _____ Acres of Wetlands

Economic Support of Wetlands

- Reported 695,436 hunter-days in 1996; estimated \$34,907,000 economic benefit to Utah.
- Since 1934, the sales of Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$700 million, which has been used to help purchase or lease over 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the U.S.
- Donations: DU reports total grassroots dollars raised in 2007: **\$478,236**; Total acres conserved in Utah: **36,554**.
- Private Clubs spend ?
- State Waterfowl Management Areas largely supported by Utah Hunters.

Importance of Utah's Waterfowl Hunters

- Economic Support of Wetlands in and Around the Great Salt Lake.
- Private Hunting Clubs Manage and Preserve Valuable Wetland Areas Around the Great Salt Lake.
- Political Voice in Preserving the Great Salt Lake – Waterfowlers are Committed to the Sport.
- Lands Protected by Hunters Preserves More than just Waterfowl.

Top Five Issues Facing Great Salt Lake for Utah Hunters

- Urban Growth and Development
- Water Quality and Quantity
- Pollution and Health Advisories
- Funding for Waterfowl Programs
- Aging Demographic and Change to an Urbanized Lifestyle

“It’s a Lifestyle







